

**NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

**Advisory Committee Minutes
Clarion Hotel
320 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC**

Thursday, January 27, 2011

Attending:

Commission Members:

Dr. Thomas E. Gettelman, Dr. John J. Haggerty, Jr., Dr. Ranota T. Hall, A. Joseph Kaiser, Nancy Moore, Phillip Mooring, Beverly Morrow, Dr. Greg Olley, John Owen, Elizabeth Ramos, Don Trobaugh, Dr. John Carbone

Excused Absences:

John R. Corne, Larry Pittman, Dr. Diana J. Antonacci, Emily Moore

Other Absences:

Norman Carter

Division Staff:

Steven E. Hairston, W. Denise Baker, Marta T. Hester, Amanda Reeder, Andrea Borden, Yvonne French, Joan Kaye, Lisa Jackson

Others:

Dr. Marvin Swartz, Louise Fisher, Catherine Goldsmith, Bob Hedrick

Call to Order and Subcommittee Guidance:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Greg Olley, due to the absence of Larry Pittman, Advisory Committee chairman, at approximately 9:35 a.m. Dr. Olley welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee, requested a moment of reflection, and issued the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder.

Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the October 20, 2010 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Dr. Olley stated that the Advisory Committee has been divided into three subcommittees: Workforce Development, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) – Veterans and Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, and Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies (CABHA). Dr. Olley informed the group that participation in the subcommittees was for Commission members, Division staff and assigned speakers only. Following Dr. Olley's guidance, the subcommittees met in their assigned breakout rooms. Upon the full Advisory Committee reconvening, Dr. Olley asked that each subcommittee give an update on its discussion.

Subcommittee Updates:

Critical Access Behavioral Health Agency (CABHA)

Dr. Thomas Gettelman, Chairman of the CABHA subcommittee, advised that discussion continued on CABHAs and focused on the following:

- how CABHAs are performing as they provide care for consumers;
- the intended consequences, both positive and negative, that arise and will continue to arise from implementation of CABHAs; and
- the development of a tool and/or resource to audit CABHAs.

Dr. Gettelman stated that the subcommittee learned there are approximately 190 approved CABHAs. Also, staff members from the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (NC DMH/DD/SAS) continue to be responsive to questions, engage in discussion, and serve as a resource to the group. They include: Lisa Jackson and Yvonne French from the NC DMH/DD/SAS, Community Policy Management Section, LME Systems Performance Team.

Workforce Development

Phillip Mooring chaired the subcommittee meeting and provided the report update. Mr. Mooring stated that the group heard presentations from Bob Hedrick, Executive Director of the NC Providers Council and from Dr. Marvin Swartz, Professor and Head of Psychiatry and Behavioral Services, Duke University Medical Center; Dr. Swartz is also a member of the NC Institute of Medicine, Health Professional Workforce Workgroup. The presentations revealed that the workforce issues prevalent in North Carolina are not unique to this state and are following national trends. Also, the recommendations developed by the NC Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and the NC DMH/DD/SAS in the Workforce Development Initiative Report, dated April 15, 2008, are still viable recommendations. There is a need for centralized training support to include CABHAs and state operated services. Monies may be available via the NC Departments of Commerce and Correction to help with training. Mr. Mooring concluded his update by informing the Advisory Committee that Ran Coble, Director, NC Center for Public Policy Research, has offered to partner with the NC DMH/DD/SAS to collect data and engage in research on the status of the North Carolina mh/dd/sas workforce at no cost.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

John Owen, TBI subcommittee co-chairman delivered the TBI report by advising that the subcommittee was informed by NC DMH/DD/SAS staff that the NC Institute of Medicine (IOM) is currently working on a similar report through its Taskforce on Behavioral Health Services for the Military and Their Families. The subcommittee will review the IOM's report to consider resources that are available and determine any additional information needed for the subcommittee to make a cogent recommendation to the full Commission regarding treatment of TBI and access to mh/dd/sa services for veterans. Mr. Owen informed the membership that the TBI subcommittee plans to invite Dr. Harold Kudler, a psychiatrist at Duke University Medical Center and the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center to address the group; Dr. Kudler is an expert on post-traumatic stress disorder. Joan Kaye, from the NC DMH/DD/SAS, Community Policy Management Section, served as the resource person during the TBI subcommittee meeting.

Public Comment:

Bob Hedrick, NC Providers Council, provided a brief synopsis of a three year project funded by the NC Council on Developmental Disabilities to demonstrate the use of the College of Direct Support (CDS) curriculum. This demonstration project was conducted through the NC Providers Council.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.